

Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

Forecast:

- Normal fire potential is expected in Alaska for the winter months. With the winter's permanent snowpack generally established over the burnable areas of Alaska at this time, fire season is over for the winter, and conditions are expected to be normal through February.

Factors:

- The Drought Monitor shows abnormally dry conditions over Northwest and parts of South Central Alaska, including Kodiak. There is also an area of Moderate Drought in Northwest around Kotzebue Sound. However, Alaska is now covered in snow, so cold temperatures and snowfall will prevent fires from being an issue.
- Weather in Alaska in November is typically well below freezing in most areas, with snow likely to remain through March or April. La Nina, which is expected this winter, typically brings a cool but fairly dry winter to much of Alaska.

- The summer of 2020 was rather wet over much of Alaska. This precipitation has rendered the mid layers of forest fuels nearly unburnable. Therefore, any starts will be small and easily suppressed.

